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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER TELLS OF HABEAS CORPUS ACTION IN CHRIST
CASE

1. SAN SALVADORAN MORNING DAILY FOR AUGUST 28 RAN A STORY HEADLINED "ANOTHER PETITION FOR THE LIBERTY OF HANS CHRIST". THE ARTICLE EXPLAINS THAT THERE IS BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT A HABEAS CORPUS PETITION (PETICION DE LIBERTAD) FOR HANS CHRIST, IN ADDITION TO THAT BEFORE THE COURT FOR RECARDOL SOL MEZA. THE STORY THEN GOES ON TO IMPUGN THE TESTIMONY OF TERESA TORRES. SHE IS ACCUSED OF LYING FROM THE VERY BEGINNING AND CONTINUING TO LIE ON SUBSEQUENT OCCASIONS WHEN SHE, ACCORDING TO THE NEWS STORY, CHANGED HER STORY ABOUT WHAT HAD OCCURRED ON JANUARY 3 AT THE SHERATON HOTEL. THE ARTICLE TAKES NOTE OF THE EFFORTS OF DR. JUAN ROSALES Y ROSALES, CHRIST'S DEFENSE ATTORNEY, WHO, THEHETORY CLAIMS, READ THROUGH "TWENTY TWO PAGES, LEGAL SIZED AND WRITTEN BOTH ON THE FRONT AND BACK" IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO SHOW CONCLUSIVELY THAT CHRIST IS DETAINED UNJUSTLY FOR A CRIME WHICH HE DID NOT COMMIT. BOTH CHRIST AND SOL MEZA ARE CONSIDERED BY THE AUTHOR OF THE STORY AS TWO MEN WHO SHOULD BE FREED SINCE THEY ARE "USEFUL FOR THE COUNTRY."

2. THE STORY ADDS THAT THE SUPREME COURT HAD NOT YET SENT FOR THE REPORT RECOMMENDING FREEING SOL MEZA WHICH WAS WRITTEN BY THE INVESTIGATING JUDGE IN THAT CASE, DR. JOSE TINETTI. ALSO NOTED IS THE FACT THAT THE COURT HAS NOT NAMED AN INVESTIGATING JUDGE TO STUDY THE PETITION FOR CHRIST'S RELEASE. FIRST, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THE COURT WILL HAND DOWN ITS DECISION ON SOL AND THEN TAKE UP THE CHRIST CASE. IT ADDS AN EDITORIAL COMMENT WHICH CLAIMS THAT "IN ALL JUDICIAL SECTORS" IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE SUPREME COURT WILL RESOLVE IN FAVOR OF BOTH SOL AND CHRIST.
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